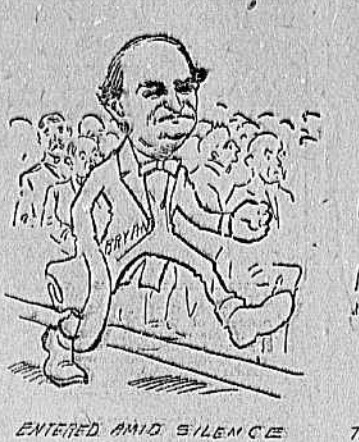


## STRIKING FEATURES OF THE OPENING OF THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

Drawn by Rostrup from telegraphic accounts of the opening scenes.



In coming off, collars and ties were loosened, and the picture was that of a shirt-sleeved convention. The example set to-day is sure to bring converts, and to-morrow it is safe to say a majority will disregard the conventionalities in the interest of comfort by doffing their coats.

The day was oppressively warm outside, and in the hall was uncomfortable in the extreme. Windows were left open, and the room was filled with the interior of the hall. With the exception of the fender ignited by the mention of Cleveland's name, the speech of Mr. Williams was practically without interruption. A few passages were applauded, but that was all. The fault was not with the speaker, but principally with the acoustic conditions in the hall. Mr. Williams had not been speaking more than five minutes before it was apparent that many persons would be unable to hear him. The crowding of the platform made the conditions worse. The police and ushers had difficulty in maintaining passage ways in the main body of the hall.

The applause which greeted Mr. Williams at the conclusion of his speech attested his popularity with the delegates. Though they had heard only a small part of what he had said, the cheering by the delegates and spectators amounted to an ovation.

### THE CONVENTION.

#### Doors of Great Building Swung Open and the Rush Begins.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, July 6.—The Democratic National Convention began its session to-day. Long before the doors were swung open, vast crowds thronged the streets in the vicinity of the main entrance to the great building, where the convention met. In the surging line were men and women and visiting political organizations, eagerly seeking seats in the galleries and the ever moving fans gave the finishing touch, and completed a scene both spectacular and picturesque. The great dome of the building, which rises high above the floor, is covered with a fabric of solid yellow, with here and there touches of white material, carrying out the architectural design. Within each of the sections of the ceiling is the seal of one of the States and a stand of colors, while in front of the gallery spaces are festoons of white cloth. The walls are adorned with the national emblems, the American flag for the central color picture overhead. The splendor of the var-colored gowns worn by the large number of women occupying seats in the galleries and the ever moving fans gave the finishing touch, and completed a scene both spectacular and picturesque. The great dome of the building, which rises high above the floor, is covered with a fabric of solid yellow, with here and there touches of white material, carrying out the architectural design. Within each of the sections of the ceiling is the seal of one of the States and a stand of colors, while in front of the gallery spaces are festoons of white cloth. The walls are adorned with the national emblems, the American flag for the central color picture overhead. The splendor of the var-colored gowns worn by the large number of women occupying seats in the galleries and the ever moving fans gave the finishing touch, and completed a scene both spectacular and picturesque.

The hall is an immense amphitheatre, admirably arranged for the purpose of the convention, and especially arranged so that all available room may be utilized to the greatest possible advantage. The chairs charged with the preparation evidently grappled the situation. The accommodations for the general public, and especially for the press, are much more complete than they were at the Chicago Convention, and the best for the latter that have ever been provided for a national convention, every facility for the reporting and prompt dispatch of news to the world at large being afforded.

A stream of visitors and a drizzle of delegates and alternates were pouring into the hall an hour before the time set for the opening of the convention. The big men, the directors of political strategy, were not so prompt in arriving. Besides the novelty of viewing a great convention, many of them are constantly haunted by the dread that a conspiracy is afoot to deprive them of their seats, and the demand for tickets, which has existed for the last few days, the anxious ones hurried to plant themselves in their seats before any person should pre-empt them. The hall itself is not well lighted by the sun, there being openings on three sides, and these are close to other buildings. There is no opening in the roof for the escape of the heated air, and even when the windows are open, the heat is not relieved. The narrow of seats in the gallery. The prospects for a warm convention, aside from any political that may be engendered during the proceedings, were, therefore, or a promising character.

### Location of Delegations.

In the drawing for seats Pennsylvania and Michigan were the fortunate ones, securing the best location directly in front of the speaker's stand. Alabama was directly behind Pennsylvania, on the right

**A LETTER TO OUR READERS.**  
53 Cottage St., Melrose, Mass.,  
January 11, 1904.

Dear Sir:—Ever since I was in the army, I had more or less kidney trouble, and within the past year it became so severe that I was compelled to take everything and was much alarmed by my weakness and power was fast leaving me. I saw an advertisement of Swamp-Root, and wrote asking for advice. I began the use of the medicine and noted a decided improvement after taking Swamp-Root only a short time.

I continued its use and am thankful to say that I am entirely cured and strong. In order to be very sure about this, I had a doctor examine me and noted a decided improvement after taking Swamp-Root only a short time.

I know that your Swamp-Root is purely vegetable, and does not contain any harmful drugs. Thanking you for my complete recovery and recommending Swamp-Root to all sufferers, I am,  
Very truly yours,  
I. C. RICHARDSON.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful remedy. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, sent absolutely free by mail, also a book telling all about Swamp-Root. If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at the drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.



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of the hall, facing the speaker's stand. Illinois was on the left of Alabama, the Keystone State covering the front of both. Directly behind Illinois was Colorado, behind Colorado was Kentucky, and then, two-thirds of the way back to the rear of the hall, was Nebraska. Alaska was the only Territory that drew a good position, being well up on the left, while Hawaii and Oklahoma were clear back at the end of the hall. New York was well fixed, being in the front row, just to the left of Michigan. Indiana was directly behind New York, while Massachusetts drew the worst of any of the great States, being in the last row with Oklahoma.

By the time the hall was one-third filled the heat began to increase, to a noticeable



**GUFFEY, of Pennsylvania, Chairman Williams in.**

entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Move out of every breast all unwhorled passions and prejudices, ambitions, and let all be controlled by holy passion for the right, and let each conclusion be reached and such action be taken as shall be in harmony with the will for the glory of the Father and our country's good, we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### THE SESSION BEGINS.

Convention Opened With Prayer by Dr. Cannon.

The first ripple of applause that greeted the convention came from the galleries when the Texas delegation marched in, bearing their flag of red, white and blue, with the single star. A white silk banner bearing the inscription, "Florida arrived, and was greeted by applause. This was five minutes before 12, and up to that time not a hand clap had been offered to any man who had entered. The platform was crowded with members of the National Committee, but

the crowd paid no attention to them. The Philippine delegation came in with their banner, which was not flying like those that had entered before it, it was an American flag of silk, wrapped closely around the staff and tied hard and fast. This was done, according to one of the Philippine delegation, with deliberate intent, as it is to show that the Democratic convention did not recognize the Philippines as part of the nation. Chairman Guffey, of Pennsylvania, strode in closely behind the Philippine flag and was heartily cheered.

### Rap of the Gavel.

Exactly at noon Chairman W. K. Jones, of the National Committee, called the convention to order. His appearance on the platform and the sound of his gavel brought forth a cheer from the floor and galleries.

Chairman Jones directed the sergeant-at-arms to preserve order. He continued belaboring the table with his gavel, but it was some time before quiet reigned. Williams's appearance with a huge silk banner and silk American flags and a yell, "California! California! Hearst! Hearst!" caused cheering. Just as the California delegation reached its reservation, after marching up and down the center aisle, William J. Bryan, who had come in unannounced, gave an extraordinary member of the Montana delegation created a diversion by vigorously ringing a bell.

### The Convention Prayer.

After quiet was restored Chairman Jones announced that the convention would be opened by prayer by Rev. John P. Cannon, D. D., pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, of St. Louis. Dr. Cannon's prayer was as follows:

In heaven, in all our ways we would acknowledge Thee in order that Thou may direct our paths. We bow ourselves in Thy presence and acknowledge Thee as the God in whose hands our breath is, and whose are all our ways. Let Thy light shine upon us, Thy countenance upon us, and bless us first of all in the forgiveness of all our sins. Thine hearts from every side, and incline us to the way of Thy statutes. Humbly and gratefully we acknowledge Thee as the source of all our blessings—the giver of every good and perfect gift. We thank Thee for Thy unfailing goodness to us as a people. Thou hast dealt kindly and well with Thy servants. Thou hast cast our lot in a pleasant land and we have a goodly heritage. We possess in Thy fear. May we have the blessedness of that people whose God is the Lord. Give us that righteousness which exalteth a nation and save us from sin, which is a reproach to any people. Let peace and plenty prevail within all our borders and let righteousness and justice be ours. Let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end. Crush strife and oppression to cease from our land. Drive evil men from places of honor and power, and let the righteous be exalted in their stead. God of our fathers, bless us as a people and make us a blessing to all the nations of the earth. Oh, Thou Master of assemblies, let Thy blessing come upon this convention. Guide these representatives of the people by Thy counsel. Replenish them with the wisdom which is from above, which is true peace, then peaceable, easy to be

entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Move out of every breast all unwhorled passions and prejudices, ambitions, and let all be controlled by holy passion for the right, and let each conclusion be reached and such action be taken as shall be in harmony with the will for the glory of the Father and our country's good, we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

For several minutes after the Murphy incident the confusion continued. Finally, in desperation, Mr. Williams threatened to discontinue his speech. "You have placed me here, I am your servant. If you don't quiet me to continue, it is your pleasure," he cried.

This announcement was effective and Mr. Williams ceased to speak. The confusion, however, continued. The situation that his mention of Cleveland had caused dying slowly out. When he said that he had heard that Dewey, who was a Democrat, had been snubbed by the first, tried to disgrace the second and insulted the third, the confusion again broke out into shouts and applause.

### Voice Failing.

By this time Mr. Williams's voice was faint and he was unable to hear. He was heard with difficulty even by those very near the platform.

Mr. Williams's flow of oratory was interrupted for some time. A response of applause followed his denunciation of the Republican claims of prosperity because of the war. The confusion was again heard in various parts of the hall. "I wish I had the lungs to speak louder, but I cannot," answered Mr. Williams. "What did you say?" came a voice from the gallery.

So rapidly did the noise increase that Mr. Williams was unable to hear directly to the persons on the platform. This brought forth from the galleries loud cries of "time" and "order."

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that never fail to follow the song, no matter when or where rendered. "The delegates are invited to visit the exposition," said Mr. Williams, "and the clerk will read the invitation." The last few words were lost in cries of "Bryan! Bryan!" that came swift and thick from different parts of the hall.

Chairs mingled with the calls, and it was fully a minute before the voice of the clerk was able to rise above the tumult. Mr. Bryan remained quietly in his seat during the demonstration made by his friends, and gave no outward sign of his recognition of the applause that had greeted his name.

### Slight Applause for Bryan.

A great part of Mr. Williams's speech was delivered under great difficulties for the speaker and for those of his hearers who were supposed to be most directly interested in his remarks. The speaker, in fact, the delegates were packed by dense throngs, who kept up a constant hum on conversation that smothered Mr. Williams's voice.

### Wild for Cleveland.

Name of Ex-President Causes Tumultuous Scenes.

A mention of the name of Grover Cleveland was cheered lustily. A moment later the first scene of the session occurred. Mr. Williams declared it was his intention to read the platform of the Republican party to attempt to seize the laurels of Grover Cleveland. A genuine outburst of applause followed, and although the chairman used the gavel vigorously the convention was soon beyond.

Mr. Hampshire delegates climbed upon their seats and yelled vigorously. One Iowa man of the House instructed delegates to stand up and cheer. The delegates stood up and waved his hat frantically, and a wild chorus answered him.

Three Alabama delegates, and they came with genuine power and enthusiasm. No cry came from Nebraska, where Mr. Bryan and his friends sat quietly without taking part in the noise. Again and again the cheers came in dense volume, despite numerous cries of "order" and the stern rebuffs of the chairman's gavel.

When Mr. Williams sat back and watched the scene he had created. As the noise died down there would be a renewed outbreak. The demonstration lasted eight minutes.

### Wild Scenes; Murphy Ejected.

Tim Murphy, of St. Louis, standing in the center aisle and enquiring the demonstration, was first requested to take his seat. When he refused, he was ordered to leave the hall. Murphy was ejected.

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for the various committee meetings, a motion was made by Burke Cockran that the convention adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. The motion was carried and the convention adjourned at 2:50 o'clock.

The Scramble for Tickets Was Something Fierce.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 6.—The feature of the forenoon was the continued scramble for tickets, which, to use the expression of a Western member of the National Committee, "was a thing of the past."

Delegate Powers, of Michigan, was recognized by Chairman Williams to return his thanks of the convention to the exposition officials for the courtesy shown, and made a brief speech of acknowledgment. The motion to accept the invitation, with which Mr. Powers concluded, was adopted.



NORMAN S. MACK, National Committeeman from New York.

efforts to secure means of admission. The special advocates of the various candidates were also active, but those who were advocating the claims of other candidates took notice of the situation and little encouragement. Some of them continued their assurances that there would be no change of candidates, and others, who were known to be in the New York camp, and confessed that great effort is necessary to prevent Parker's nomination on the first ballot.

Mr. Hearst's friends were the most confident of the opposition, and they were strongly seconded by Mr. Wall's adherents, whose interest in the situation, headed by a brass band, paraded the principal streets.

### Harmon Is Satisfied.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, O., July 6.—Judge Harmon, having received dispatches to-day from different parts of the State, based on newspaper reports of dissensions in the Ohio delegation at St. Louis, gave the Associated Press the following signed statement:

I am satisfied with the conduct of my friends in Ohio. They are all of the ground and best know the situation. I have full faith in their loyalty and judgment, and they know I have full faith in them. They will consider the party's interests before mine.

(Signed) "JUDSON HARMON."

### CLINGS TO THE ANCIENT RULES

Committee Decides Against Majority Nomination—Porto Rico and the Philippines.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. LOUIS, July 6.—When the Committee on Rules met, the Illinois member, F. P. Morris, proposed that a simple majority only be required to nominate candidates, and not a two-thirds majority, as has been the practice since 1852.

"We ought not to expose ourselves," said G. F. Milton, of Tennessee, "to the charge that we desire to nominate Judge Parker by a device contrary to the usual course. I am from a State whose people want Parker, the delegation wants him, and I want him, but we would injure him and ourselves were we to change the time-honored rule."

On a show of hands the chairman counted four for the change and twenty-four against it. The rules of the last convention were adopted without change. Those adapted from the rules of the House of Representatives under the Crisp speakership.

The committee, by a unanimous vote, decided to recommend to the convention that the delegates from Porto Rico be permitted to vote. A proposal that the same privilege be given to the delegates from the Philippines was defeated, 15 to 15. The committee applauded the remark of A. Irving Handy, of Delaware, that Democrats hoped to see the Philippines electing their own President, while Porto Rico was indissolubly bound to the United States.

Dr. Mary Walker asked the committee to recommend the admission of women delegates. Colonel Grady said the question was not within the purview of the committee.

### GOVERNOR IS QUITE UNWELL

Could Not Attend Session Yesterday—How the Virginians Stand.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 6.—The Virginia delegation to the National Convention is having a good time in the exposition convention city. The Exposition is more an attraction than the convention. The entire delegation was out at the Exposition grounds to-day, after the adjournment of the convention. Senator Martin was the host of a large party which went out yesterday afternoon.

Governor Montague is sick. He was so unwell to-day that he could not attend the convention, and Representative Florio took his place as one of the delegates at large from Virginia. The Governor is at the St. Nicholas with the Virginia delegation. His brother, Mr. Lynch Montague, is with him. Governor Montague was made one of the vice-presidents of the convention by the action of the Virginia delegation yesterday. He has been overwhelmed with callers since he reached St. Louis. Every Virginian in the city seems to have called. Senator Daniel and Senator Martin have also been kept busy receiving callers. William Jennings Bryan said this morning at the Plunket's table with the Virginia delegation, "I am glad to see you here. I am a large from Virginia. The Governor is at the St. Nicholas with the Virginia delegation. His brother, Mr. Lynch Montague, is with him. Governor Montague was made one of the vice-presidents of the convention by the action of the Virginia delegation yesterday. 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